

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multilayer ceramic capacitor comprising a laminate ~~including~~ comprising alternately stacked dielectric layers of a sintered compact ~~composed of~~ comprising crystal particles of a dielectric porcelain composite and internal-electrode layers, wherein the dielectric porcelain composite at least comprises

a primary constituent ~~containing~~ comprising barium titanate;

a first accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of magnesium oxide (MgO), calcium oxide (CaO), barium oxide (BaO), and strontium oxide (SrO);

a second accessory constituent ~~containing~~ comprising silicon oxide as a major constituent;

a third accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxide (V₂O₅), molybdenum oxide (MoO₃), and tungsten oxide (WO₃);

a fourth accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising an oxide of R1, wherein ~~(wherein~~ R1 is at least one selected from the group consisting of Sc, Er, Tm, Yb, and [[Lu]] Lu;

a fifth accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising CaZrO₃ or a combination of CaO and ZrO₂; and

a sixth accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising an oxide of R2 ~~(wherein~~ wherein R2 is at least one selected from the group consisting of Y, Dy, Ho, Tb, Gd, and [[Eu]] Eu;

wherein, in the case of 100 moles of barium titanate, there are 0.1 to 3 moles of the first accessory constituent, 2 to 10 moles of the second accessory constituent, 0.01 to 0.5

moles of the third accessory constituent, 0.5 to 7 moles of the fourth accessory constituent, wherein (~~wherein~~ the number of moles of the fourth accessory constituent is that of R1 ~~alone~~), alone, more than 0 but not more than 5 moles of the fifth accessory constituent, and more than 0 but not more than 9 moles of the sixth accessory constituent; and

the crystal particles ~~constituting~~ of the dielectric layers have an average particle diameter (D50) and a maximum particle diameter (D100), wherein the [[an]] average particle diameter (D50) [[of]] is not less than 0.2 μm and less than or equal to 0.55 μm , and the difference (D100 - D50) between the maximum particle diameter (D100) and the average particle diameter (D50) of the crystal particles of the dielectric layers is 0.4 μm or less, and

wherein a percentage change in the electrostatic capacity before and after aging is within 10%.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric porcelain composite further comprises a seventh accessory constituent ~~composed of~~ comprising manganese oxide (MnO) or chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃) and in the case of 100 moles of barium titanate, there are 0.01 to 0.5 moles of the seventh accessory constituent.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the average particle diameter of the crystal particles ~~constituting~~ of the dielectric layers is in the range of not less than 0.2 μm and less than or equal to 0.35 μm .

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 2, wherein the average particle diameter of the crystal particles ~~constituting~~ of the dielectric layers is in the range of not less than 0.2 μm and less than or equal to 0.35 μm .

Claim 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the alternately stacked dielectric layers of a sintered compact consists essentially of the crystal particles of a dielectric porcelain composite and internal-electrode layers.

Claim 10 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the first accessory constituent consists essentially of at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of magnesium oxide (MgO), calcium oxide (CaO), barium oxide (BaO), and strontium oxide (SrO).

Claim 11 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the third accessory constituent consists essentially of at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of vanadium oxide (V_2O_5), molybdenum oxide (MoO_3), and tungsten oxide (WO_3).

Claim 12 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the fourth accessory constituent consists essentially of an oxide of R1, wherein R1 is at least one selected from the group consisting of Sc, Er, Tm, Yb, and Lu.

Claim 13 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the fifth accessory constituent consists essentially of CaZrO_3 or a combination of CaO and ZrO_2 .

Claim 14 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the sixth accessory constituent consists essentially of an oxide of R_2 wherein R_2 is at least one selected from the group consisting of Y, Dy, Ho, Tb, Gd, and Eu.

Claim 15 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the second accessory constituent comprises silicon oxide and at least one selected from the group consisting of MO , lithium oxide and boric oxide, wherein M is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ba, Ca, Sr, and Mg.

Claim 16 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the second accessory constituent is represented by $(\text{BaCa})\text{SiO}_{2+x}$, wherein x is 0.7 to 1.2.

Claim 17 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 16, wherein x is 0.8 to 1.1.

Claim 18 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein in the fifth accessory constituent, the molar ratio of Ca to Zr is 0.5 to 1.5.

Claim 19 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the sixth accessory constituent consists essentially of an oxide of Y.

Claim 20 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the total content of the fourth and sixth accessory constituents for 100 moles of barium titanate is preferably 13 moles or less.

Claim 21 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, further comprising a seventh accessory constituent comprising manganese oxide (MnO) or chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃).

Claim 22 (New): The multilayer ceramic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the conditions under which the percentage change in the electrostatic capacity before and after aging is calculated by applying a direct-current voltage of 7 V/ μ m for 1000 hours to the multilayer ceramic capacitor in a temperature environment of 85°.